

Swarovski's Swarovision 8x32 binoculars – WOW!

Having been warden of Fair Isle Bird Observatory, a member of the British Birds Rarities Committee and currently a bird-tour leader and bird surveyor, I have always kept abreast of the latest development in binoculars. We all want the best kit for the job – to see that crucial identification feature, or log those extra 2 Slavonian Grebes hiding under that distant cliff in the fading winter light.

I have owned all the top brands - Bausch & Lomb, Leica, Nikon, Swarovski and Zeiss - over the years, all of them great. Increasingly, however, I have become a touch cynical about the wonders of the 'latest model' — to me the differences have been very slight and I have felt that it comes down very much to personal preference rather than any real difference in performance. So, when I initially got the opportunity to trial a pair of the new Swarovski Swarovision binoculars I wasn't expecting them to me much different than my current binoculars. But hey! From the first moment I looked through them I was hooked. I had to have a pair.

These glasses really are a step up from their competitors – the sharpness, colour reproduction and depth of field are stunning. They also weigh next to nothing and are very comfortable to hold. If you see myself, Rory or Howard out in the field then make sure you check out these binoculars – believe me you will see a difference!

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